

Interviews: 800 Adults, including 240 cell phone only respondents

Date: October 25-28, 2013

Study #13452
NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey

48 Male
52 Female

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 800 interviews among Adults is ±3.46%

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

Q2a For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are?
(IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to? (READ LIST.)

18-24.....	10
25-29.....	8
30-34.....	9
35-39.....	9
40-44.....	11
45-49.....	7
50-54.....	8
55-59.....	10
60-64.....	12
65-69.....	6
70-74.....	4
75 and over.....	5
Not sure/refused	1

Q2b To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11
No, not Hispanic	89
Not sure/refused	-

Q2c And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	74
Black	12
Asian	2
Other.....	4
Hispanic (VOL).....	7
Not sure/refused	1

Q3 All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel things are off on the wrong track?

	10/25- 28/13	10/7- 9/13	9/13	7/13	6/13	9/26- 30/12+	9/12- 16/12+	High	Low
								10/17- 9/01	20/08+
Headed in the right direction.....	22	14	30	29	32			72	12
Off on the wrong track	70	78	62	61	59			11	78
Mixed (VOL)	4	4	5	6	6			11	7
Not sure.....	4	4	3	4	3			6	3
	4/13	2/13	1/13	12/12	10/12+	9/26- 30/12+	9/12- 16/12+		
	31	32	35	41	41	40	39		
	61	59	57	53	53	53	55		
	5	6	4	3	4	5	4		
	3	3	4	3	2	2	2		
	8/12+	7/12+	6/12	5/12	4/12	3/12	1/12		
	32	32	31	33	33	33	30		
	61	60	61	58	59	58	61		
	4	5	5	5	6	5	5		
	3	3	3	4	2	4	4		
	12/11	11/11	10/11	8/11	7/11	6/11	5/11	4/11	2/11
	22	19	17	19	25	29	36	28	31
	69	73	74	73	67	62	50	63	60
	6	5	5	5	5	6	10	6	6
	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	3	4
	12/10	11/10	30/10+	10/28- 18/10+	9/10	8/26- 30/10	8/5- 9/10	6/10	5/6- 11/10
	28	32	31	32	32	30	32	29	34
	63	58	60	59	59	61	58	62	56
	6	6	5	6	5	6	6	5	6
	3	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	3
	1/23 - 25/10	1/10- 14/10	12/09	10/09	9/09	7/09	6/09	4/09	2/09
	32	34	33	36	39	39	42	43	41
	58	54	55	52	48	49	46	43	44
	7	10	10	9	10	9	9	10	9
	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	6

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Q4 In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

	10/25- 28/13	10/7- 9/13	9/13	8/13	7/13	6/13	4/13	2/13	1/13	High 4/09	Low 10/25- 28/13
Approve.....	42	47	45	44	45	48	47	50	52	61	42
Disapprove.....	51	48	50	48	50	47	48	45	44	30	51
Not sure	7	5	5	8	5	5	5	5	4	9	7
		9/26-	9/12-								
	12/12	10/12+	30/12+	16/12+	8/12+	7/12+	6/12	5/12	4/12	3/12	
	53	49	49	50	48	49	47	48	49	50	
	43	48	48	48	49	48	48	46	46	45	
	4	3	3	2	3	3	5	6	5	5	
	1/12	12/11	11/11	10/11	8/11	7/11	6/11	5/11	4/11	2/11	
	48	46	44	44	44	47	49	52	49	48	
	46	48	51	51	51	48	46	41	45	46	
	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	7	6	6	
	1/11	12/10	11/10	10/28-	10/14-		8/26-	8/5-		5/20-	5/6-
	53	45	47	30/10+	18/10+	9/10	30/10	9/10	6/10	23/10	11/10
	41	48	47	50	49	49	49	48	48	45	44
	6	7	6	5	4	5	6	5	7	7	6
	3/10	1/23-	1/10-								
	48	25/10	14/10	12/09	10/09	9/09	8/09	7/09	6/09	4/09	2/09
	47	50	48	47	51	51	51	53	56	61	60
	5	44	43	46	42	41	40	40	34	30	26
		6	9	7	7	8	9	7	10	9	14

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Q5 Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and groups. I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so. (RANDOMIZE EXCEPT BARACK OBAMA)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure
Barack Obama¹						
October 25-28, 2013.....	24	17	13	13	32	1
October 7-9, 2013.....	26	21	11	11	30	1
September 2013	25	20	12	16	26	1
July 2013	28	20	12	14	26	-
May 30-June 2, 2013	28	19	13	12	28	-
April 2013.....	30	17	10	15	27	1
February 2013.....	31	18	11	14	26	-
January 2013	31	21	11	11	26	-
December 2012	37	16	9	14	24	-
October 2012+	34	15	8	12	31	-
September 26-30, 2012+	37	15	6	11	31	-
September 12-16, 2012+	35	13	9	11	31	1
August 2012+.....	31	17	8	13	30	1
July 2012+	33	16	8	11	32	-
June 2012	29	19	14	11	27	-
May 2012	32	17	10	12	29	-
April 2012.....	30	18	13	13	26	-
March 2012.....	28	21	14	12	25	-
January 2012	28	22	10	14	25	1
December 2011	22	23	13	15	27	-
November 2011	26	19	15	13	27	-
October 2011	23	23	14	12	28	-
August 2011.....	24	20	12	14	30	-
June 2011	27	22	14	13	24	-
May 2011	33	21	14	13	18	1
April 2011.....	28	22	14	13	23	-
February 2011.....	28	21	15	15	20	1
January 2011	29	23	15	14	18	1
December 2010	25	23	14	14	24	-
November 2010	28	21	12	13	26	-
October 28-30, 2010+	29	18	12	15	27	-
October 14-18, 2010+	29	19	9	17	26	-
September 2010	29	18	12	14	27	-
August 26-30, 2010.....	26	20	12	14	27	1
August 5-9, 2010.....	27	19	13	14	27	-
June 2010	27	20	13	15	25	-
May 20-23, 2010.....	28	19	15	14	24	-
March 2010.....	31	19	11	14	24	1
January 23-25, 2010.....	29	23	14	14	20	-
December 2009	29	21	13	15	22	-
October 2009	36	20	11	12	21	-
September 2009	38	18	11	14	19	-
July 2009	37	18	10	14	20	1
June 2009	41	19	11	12	17	-
April 2009.....	45	19	12	10	13	1
February 2009.....	47	21	12	9	10	1
January 2009	43	23	17	8	6	3
Barack Obama						
<i>High</i>						
February 2009	47	21	12	9	10	1
<i>Presidential Term Low</i>						
October 25-28, 2013.....	24	17	13	13	32	1
<i>All-time Obama Low</i>						
October 28-30, 2006+	14	17	18	5	6	40

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	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>
The Republican Party¹						
October 25-28, 2013.....	6	16	24	23	30	1
October 7-9, 2013.....	7	17	21	24	29	2
September 2013	7	21	27	23	21	1
May 30-June 2, 2013	8	24	26	18	23	1
February 2013	8	21	24	20	26	1
January 2013	6	20	24	24	25	1
December 2012	9	21	23	18	27	2
October 2012+.....	15	21	20	18	25	1
September 26-30, 2012+	14	24	18	18	25	1
August 2012+.....	12	24	18	16	29	1
July 2012+	11	23	22	18	25	1
June 2012	10	21	23	18	26	2
May 2012.....	9	23	23	19	24	2
April 2012.....	11	22	23	19	24	1
March 2012.....	8	24	23	19	24	2
January 2012.....	8	23	24	19	25	1
December 2011	6	21	23	23	25	2
November 2011	9	21	23	18	26	3
October 2011	11	22	21	18	26	2
August 2011.....	8	24	21	23	23	1
June 2011	8	22	24	23	21	2
May 2011.....	8	24	22	21	23	2
April 2011.....	7	24	24	22	22	1
January 2011	7	27	24	21	19	2
December 2010	11	27	23	17	20	2
November 2010	11	23	24	20	19	3
October 28-30, 2010+.....	12	22	24	18	23	1
October 14-18, 2010+.....	8	23	25	19	23	2
September 2010	8	23	25	21	22	1
August 26-30, 2010	7	23	25	22	21	2
August 5-9, 2010	6	18	28	24	22	2
June 2010	6	24	26	23	19	2
May 20-23, 2010.....	10	23	26	21	19	1
May 6-11, 2010.....	8	22	26	22	20	2
March 2010.....	6	25	24	20	23	2
January 23-25, 2010.....	7	25	27	18	20	3
January 10-14, 2010.....	7	23	27	24	18	1
December 2009	5	23	27	24	19	2
October 2009	6	19	27	23	23	2
September 2009	5	23	27	22	21	2
July 2009	9	19	29	21	20	2
June 2009	6	19	29	23	21	2
April 2009.....	7	22	25	22	22	2
February 2009	7	19	24	25	22	3
<i>High</i>						
December 2001	21	36	18	13	9	3
<i>Low</i>						
October 25-28, 2013.....	6	16	24	23	30	1

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	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>
The Democratic Party¹						
October 25-28, 2013.....	15	22	21	18	22	2
October 7-9, 2013.....	14	25	18	20	20	3
September 2013	13	27	22	20	18	-
May 30-June 2, 2013.....	14	25	22	19	18	2
February 2013	18	23	22	17	19	1
January 2013.....	17	27	17	19	19	1
December 2012.....	21	23	19	16	19	2
October 2012+.....	21	21	17	17	23	1
September 26-30, 2012+	21	21	17	17	22	2
August 2012+	19	23	16	17	23	2
July 2012+	17	23	20	17	23	-
June 2012.....	14	23	25	18	19	1
May 2012.....	17	22	19	21	19	1
April 2012	15	24	21	19	19	1
March 2012.....	15	23	24	18	18	2
January 2012.....	15	23	23	21	18	-
December 2011	9	23	25	23	19	1
November 2011	15	25	22	18	19	1
October 2011.....	12	25	19	20	22	2
August 2011	11	22	21	19	25	2
June 2011.....	13	25	21	19	20	2
May 2011.....	15	26	22	18	17	2
April 2011	12	26	22	18	21	1
January 2011.....	15	24	25	19	16	1
December 2010	9	28	20	18	23	2
November 2010	14	26	18	18	23	1
October 28-30, 2010+.....	16	23	17	19	23	2
October 14-18, 2010+.....	14	24	16	19	26	1
September 2010	15	22	20	20	22	1
August 26-30, 2010	11	25	19	19	24	2
August 5-9, 2010	11	22	22	18	26	1
June 2010.....	11	24	21	20	24	-
May 20-23, 2010.....	15	26	18	18	22	1
May 6-11, 2010.....	11	26	19	18	24	2
March 2010.....	9	28	19	19	24	1
January 23-25, 2010.....	14	25	22	17	21	1
January 10-14, 2010.....	11	27	20	18	23	1
December 2009	10	25	19	19	26	1
October 2009.....	14	28	20	14	22	2
September 2009	14	27	18	17	22	2
July 2009	13	29	19	17	20	2
June 2009.....	19	26	16	16	21	2
April 2009	17	28	19	15	19	2
February 2009	20	29	18	14	17	2
December 2008	17	32	22	15	13	1
<i>High</i>						
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2
<i>Low</i>						
July 2006	7	25	27	22	17	2

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The Tea Party Movement						
October 25-28, 2013.....	9	14	22	10	37	8
October 7-9, 2013.....	9	12	20	13	34	12
September 2013	9	16	23	15	27	10
May 30-June 2, 2013	11	15	26	13	25	11
January 2013	9	14	20	15	32	10
July 2012+	14	14	23	14	29	6
April 2012.....	10	17	23	11	27	12
January 2012.....	10	18	19	16	27	10
December 2011	10	17	21	15	28	9
November 2011	12	15	21	14	30	8
October 2011	12	16	21	12	29	10
August 2011.....	11	17	20	14	29	9
June 2011	13	15	20	14	27	11
April 2011.....	13	16	20	14	30	7
January 2011	13	16	22	14	24	11
December 2010	15	18	20	14	23	10
November 2010	14	16	21	13	25	11
October 28-30, 2010+.....	14	18	18	12	28	10
October 14-18, 2010+.....	14	16	20	11	27	12
September 2010	15	15	21	13	23	13
August 26-30, 2010	12	16	19	12	24	17
August 5-9, 2010	14	16	23	12	22	13
June 2010	15	19	21	12	19	14
May 6-11, 2010.....	16	15	21	10	20	18
March 2010.....	13	16	22	10	18	21
January 23-25, 2010.....	14	14	20	6	15	31
<i>High</i>						
June 2010	15	19	21	12	19	14
<i>Low</i>						
October 7-9, 2013.....	9	12	20	13	34	12
John Boehner						
October 25-28, 2013.....	3	14	20	18	25	20
October 7-9, 2013.....	5	12	20	17	25	21
January 2013	3	15	23	18	19	22
December 2012	3	16	23	14	15	29
January 2012.....	4	14	22	16	16	28
February 2011	6	14	22	9	12	37
January 2011	7	16	23	9	6	39
November 11-15, 2010	8	11	20	7	10	44
October 14-18, 2010+.....	3	11	16	6	12	52
September 2010	5	9	19	8	9	50
October 2009	2	7	12	7	8	64
January 2007	1	4	12	4	2	77
Harry Reid						
October 25-28, 2013.....	5	12	17	11	23	32
October 7-9, 2013.....	5	13	16	12	20	34
January 2013	4	12	20	10	18	36
January 2012.....	4	10	23	10	21	32
November 11-15, 2010	3	11	20	11	21	34
September 2010	3	12	20	12	20	33
August 5-9, 2010	2	9	22	7	24	36
January 10-14, 2010	3	10	20	8	24	35
October 2009	2	12	18	7	19	42
January 2009	2	12	22	10	11	43
January 2007	3	9	13	9	8	58
September 2006+	2	8	15	6	12	57
February 2005	4	7	21	5	3	60

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	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know</u> <u>Name/</u> <u>Not Sure</u>
Mitch McConnell						
October 25-28, 2013.....	2	9	22	14	14	39
January 2013.....	2	10	22	11	11	44
January 2012.....	3	7	25	7	12	46
November 11-15, 2010.....	3	8	22	8	11	48
September 2010.....	3	9	20	9	9	50
October 2009.....	3	6	19	8	6	58
January 2007.....	2	9	19	5	1	64
Ted Cruz						
October 25-28, 2013.....	9	10	16	8	22	35
October 7-9, 2013.....	7	7	13	8	20	44
May 30-June 2, 2013.....	4	6	13	4	8	65
Federal government employees						
October 25-28, 2013.....	15	21	33	15	11	5
February 2011.....	14	28	34	14	8	2
Hillary Clinton¹						
October 25-28, 2013*.....	22	24	20	12	21	1
September 2013.....	26	25	17	12	19	1
May 30-June 2, 2013.....	29	20	18	13	18	2
April 2013.....	32	24	14	14	15	1
January 2013.....	34	22	19	12	13	-
December 2012.....	34	24	14	16	12	-
November 2011.....	33	22	22	12	10	1
May 2011.....	26	29	23	12	9	1
April 2011.....	29	27	21	11	11	1
December 2010.....	26	28	18	11	16	1
January 10-14, 2010.....	25	27	22	13	12	1
July 2009.....	26	27	15	15	16	1
February 2009.....	32	27	18	11	11	1
January 2009.....	27	29	14	15	14	1
December 2008.....	27	26	20	14	12	1
September 2008+.....	23	24	15	17	20	1
August 2008+.....	17	25	16	18	23	1
June 2008+.....	18	28	14	17	22	1
April 2008+.....	20	22	14	19	25	-
March 24-25, 2008+.....	17	20	15	21	27	-
March 7-10, 2008+.....	22	23	11	14	29	1
January 2008.....	24	23	11	11	30	1
June 2007.....	18	24	15	16	26	1
March 2007.....	16	23	17	15	28	1
December 2006.....	21	22	17	12	26	2
April 2006.....	19	19	19	13	28	2
December 2004.....	24	21	14	11	29	1
July 2003.....	16	21	20	13	27	3
March 2001.....	16	19	15	18	31	1
January 2001.....	27	22	13	12	24	2
High						
February 2009.....	32	27	18	11	11	1
Low						
March 2001.....	16	19	15	18	31	1
Chris Christie						
October 25-28, 2013**.....	9	24	24	10	7	26
May 30-June 2, 2013.....	12	29	22	8	4	25
February 2013.....	12	24	20	10	2	32
August 2012+.....	11	17	21	10	9	32
June 2011.....	10	13	19	7	7	44

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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SUMMARY TABLE OF IMAGES – BY D/S (POSITIVE – NEGATIVE)

	TOTAL	TOTAL	
	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	D/S
Chris Christie	33	17	14
Hillary Clinton	46	33	13
Federal government employees	36	26	10
The Democratic Party	37	40	-3
Barack Obama	41	45	-4
Ted Cruz	19	30	-11
Mitch McConnell	11	28	-17
Harry Reid	17	34	-17
The Tea Party Movement	23	47	-24
John Boehner	17	43	-26
The Republican Party	22	53	-31

And, switching topics...

Q6 Do you think America is in a state of decline, or do you feel that this is not the case?

	10/25- 28/13*	8/26- 30/10	12/09	9/19- 22/08+	6/08+	11/07	12/91	10/91
In a state of decline	63	54	65	61	74	69	57	63
Not in a state of decline	34	42	31	35	22	25	38	32
Not sure	3	4	4	4	4	6	5	5

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Now, thinking about something else...

Q7 Thinking for a moment about our system of government and how well it works, do you feel generally optimistic as far as the future is concerned, do you feel generally pessimistic about it, or feel uncertain about our system of government and how well it works?

	10/25- 28/13	6/13	3/11¹	10/10²	1/08³	2/83⁴	2/81	2/79	8/77	2/77	8/75	8/74
Generally optimistic	30	31	26	33	44	51	51	49	47	57	45	55
Generally pessimistic	28	29	23	20	23	21	21	22	21	14	24	15
Uncertain	41	39	49	46	33	27	26	26	29	26	29	27
Not sure	1	1	2	1	-	1	2	3	3	2	3	3

¹ Comparative data comes from a survey conducted by ABC News/Washington Post.

² Comparative data comes from a survey conducted by ABC News/Yahoo News Post.

³ Comparative data comes from a survey conducted by Gallup/USA Today.

⁴ Comparative data prior to 2008 comes from a survey conducted by the Roper Organization.

And, although it's a long way off...

Q8 What is your preference for the outcome of NEXT year's congressional elections -- (ROTATE:) a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	10/25- 28/13+	10/7- 9/13+	9/13+	7/13+	6/13+	10/12+	9/26- 30/12+			
Republican-controlled Congress	41	39	43	44	42	43	43			
Democrat-controlled Congress	45	47	46	44	45	45	47			
Not sure	14	14	11	12	13	12	10			
	<u>8/12+</u>	<u>7/12+</u>	<u>6/12+</u>	<u>5/12+</u>	<u>4/12+</u>	<u>3/12+</u>	<u>1/12+</u>	<u>12/11+</u>		
	42	45	44	43	44	41	41	43		
	47	46	45	44	46	46	47	45		
	11	9	11	13	10	13	12	12		
	<u>11/11+</u>	<u>10/11+</u>	<u>8/11+</u>	<u>6/11+</u>	<u>10/10+</u>	<u>9/10+</u>	<u>8/26-</u> <u>30/10+</u>	<u>8/5-</u> <u>9/10+</u>	<u>6/10+</u>	<u>5/20-</u> <u>23/10+</u>
	43	41	47	44	44	44	43	42	45	44
	46	45	41	44	46	44	43	43	43	43
	11	14	12	12	10	12	14	15	12	13
	<u>5/6-</u> <u>11/10+</u>	<u>3/10+</u>	<u>1/23-</u> <u>25/10+</u>	<u>1/10-</u> <u>14/10+</u>	<u>12/09+</u>	<u>10/09+</u>	<u>9/09+</u>	<u>7/09+</u>	<u>4/09+</u>	<u>11/08+</u>
	44	42	42	41	41	38	40	39	39	36
	44	45	44	41	43	46	43	46	48	48
	12	13	14	18	16	16	17	15	13	16
	<u>10/08+</u>	<u>9/08+</u>	<u>8/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/08+</u>	<u>11/07+</u>	<u>9/07+</u>	<u>10/06+</u>
	36	37	36	36	33	34	35	37	35	37
	49	50	47	49	52	49	49	46	47	52
	15	13	17	15	15	17	16	17	18	11
	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>10/05+</u>	<u>7/05+</u>
	39	38	38	39	37	38	38	37	39	40
	48	48	49	45	50	47	46	48	48	45
	13	14	13	16	13	15	16	15	13	15
	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>
	40	43	42	42	41	42	42	42	43	42
	47	44	46	44	44	45	43	42	42	42
	13	13	12	14	15	13	15	16	15	16
	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>
	43	42	44	42	40	39	39	42	41	37
	41	41	40	40	44	41	43	41	40	43
	16	17	16	18	16	20	18	17	19	20
	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>
	41	40	41	39	41	40	41	41	45	44
	43	39	40	40	37	42	37	39	39	38
	16	21	19	21	22	18	22	20	16	18

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Q9 In the next election for U.S. Congress, do you feel that your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think that it is time to give a new person a chance?

	10/25- 28/13+	7/13+	8/12+	3/12+	8/11+	10/28- 30/10+	8/26- 30/10+	6/10+
Deserves to be reelected	29	32	43	40	42	37	31	35
Give new person a chance	63	57	47	48	47	51	56	57
Not sure	8	11	10	12	11	12	13	8
	1/10- 14/10+	12/09+	10/09+	9/09+	7/08+	11/07+	6/07+	
	39	38	41	40	40	39	41	
	49	49	49	49	47	51	48	
	12	13	10	11	13	10	11	
	10/13- 16/06+	9/30- 10/2/06+	9/8- 11/06+	7/06+	6/06+	3/06+	1/06+	12/05+
	39	38	41	38	42	41	41	41
	45	45	43	48	45	48	46	44
	16	17	16	14	13	11	13	15
	11/05+	5/05+	10/04+	10/02+	9/02	10/00+	9/00+	6/00+
	37	42	49	42	41	50	49	49
	51	45	34	39	42	35	38	39
	12	13	17	19	17	15	13	12
	12/99	10/98+	12/97+	10/94+	9/94	5/94	1/94	10/93
	42	48	41	39	30	34	35	34
	47	37	45	49	53	50	47	52
	11	15	14	12	17	16	18	14
	9/93	7/93	10/92+	9/92+	7/92+	4/92+	2/92+	1/92+
	37	30	31	31	27	33	37	42
	47	55	56	56	62	57	52	48
	16	15	13	13	11	10	11	10

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Now, thinking some more about how you might vote for Congress next year...

Q10 If the choice in your district had the following, would you be more likely to vote for a -- (ROTATE):
 Republican candidate for Congress, a Democratic candidate for Congress -- or an independent or third party candidate for Congress?

	10/25- 28/13+	9/10+	8/26- 30/10+	6/10+
Republican candidate	28	31	32	31
Democratic candidate.....	35	36	34	34
Independent/third party candidate	30	25	25	25
Not sure.....	7	8	9	10

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Q11 In general, do you think that it is better for the same political party to control both the Congress and the presidency, so they can work together more closely, or do you think that it is better to have different political parties controlling the Congress and the presidency to prevent either one from going too far?

	10/25- 28/13+	8/26- 30/10+	5/6- 10/10+	3/10+	10/4- 5/08+	12/03	12/02
Better if same party controls Congress and the presidency	34	29	31	31	41	32	29
Better if different parties control Congress and the presidency.....	58	62	62	60	48	57	62
Not sure	8	9	7	9	11	11	9
		<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/96+</u>
		41	41	33	34	25	43
		47	47	60	55	67	44
		12	12	7	11	8	13
		<u>12/95</u>	<u>1/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>
		42	33	36	30	33	30
		48	55	55	59	56	58
		10	12	9	11	11	12
		<u>12/92</u>	<u>10/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	<u>8/92+</u>	<u>7/92+</u>	<u>4/92+</u>
		37	39	40	43	40	32
		51	47	46	44	47	61
		12	14	14	13	13	7
		<u>10/91+</u>	<u>1/92+</u>	<u>10/90+</u>	<u>1/90+</u>	<u>9/86+</u>	
		24	28	23	24	28	
		67	62	67	63	64	
		9	10	10	13	8	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q12a And in general, do you feel that Congress is contributing to the problems in Washington or is working to solve these problems?

	10/25- 28/13	4/92
Contributing to problems.....	74	71
Working to solve problems.....	17	20
Some of both (VOL)	3	3
Neither (VOL)	2	2
Not sure	4	4

Q12b And in general, do you feel that your own representative in Congress is contributing to the problems in Washington or is working to solve these problems?

	10/25- 28/13	4/92	10/91	10/90
Contributing to problems.....	43	30	21	26
Working to solve problems.....	40	53	56	57
Some of both (VOL)	2	2	6	6
Neither (VOL)	2	2	2	2
Not sure.....	13	13	15	9

Moving on...

(Q13A AND Q13B ROTATED AMONG INDEPENDENTS)
(ASKED ONLY OF DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS (QF3:1-4))

Q13a Do you want Democratic leaders in the House and Senate to make compromises to gain consensus on the current budget debate, or do you want them stick to their positions even if this means not being able to gain consensus on the budget?

Total Democrats and Independents					
	10/25- 28/13	12/12	7/11	4/11	12/10 ¹
Make compromises.....	69	71	65	71	64
Stick to their positions.....	22	23	27	23	29
Depends (VOL).....	2	2	-	1	2
Neither (VOL).....	-	1	1	-	1
Not sure	7	3	7	5	4

Democrats					
	10/25- 28/13	12/12	7/11	4/11	12/10 ¹
Make compromises.....	68	70	62	68	63
Stick to their positions.....	23	25	30	26	29
Depends (VOL).....	2	2	-	1	2
Neither (VOL).....	-	-	-	-	1
Not sure	7	3	8	5	5

Independents					
	10/25- 28/13	12/12	7/11	4/11	12/10 ¹
Make compromises.....	71	74	73	76	65
Stick to their positions.....	18	17	18	18	27
Depends (VOL).....	2	2	-	1	2
Neither (VOL).....	1	2	2	1	2
Not sure	8	5	7	4	4

¹ In December 2010, the Question was phrased "Do you want Democratic leaders in the House and Senate to make compromises to gain consensus on legislation, or do you want them stick to their positions even if this means not being able to gain consensus on legislation?"

(ASKED ONLY OF REPUBLICANS AND INDEPENDENTS (QF3:4-7))

Q13b Do you want Republican leaders in the House and Senate to make compromises to gain consensus on the current budget debate, or do you want them stick to their positions even if this means not being able to gain consensus on the budget?

Total Republicans and Independents					
	10/25- 28/13	12/12	7/11	4/11	12/10 ¹
Make compromises.....	53	62	53	48	53
Stick to their positions.....	38	32	42	47	38
Depends (VOL).....	2	1	1	1	3
Neither (VOL).....	1	1	-	-	-
Not sure	6	4	4	4	6

Republicans					
	10/25- 28/13	12/12	7/11	4/11	12/10 ¹
Make compromises.....	46	59	43	38	47
Stick to their positions.....	47	37	52	56	47
Depends (VOL).....	2	1	1	1	2
Neither (VOL).....	1	-	-	-	-
Not sure	4	3	4	5	4

Independents					
	10/25- 28/13	12/12	7/11	4/11	12/10 ¹
Make compromises.....	67	69	68	66	64
Stick to their positions.....	20	22	24	30	23
Depends (VOL).....	2	1	-	-	3
Neither (VOL).....	3	1	1	-	1
Not sure	8	7	7	4	9

¹ In December 2010, the question was phrased "Do you want Republican leaders in the House and Senate to make compromises to gain consensus on legislation, or do you want them stick to their positions even if this means not being able to gain consensus on legislation?"

(ASKED ONLY OF REPUBLICANS AND INDEPENDENTS (F3:4-7))

Q14a When it comes to your viewpoint of the Democratic Party which of these statements comes closest to your point of view. (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

	Total Republicans & Independents	Republicans	Independents
While I disagree with many of the Democratic Party's ideas and policy, it has several good leaders and quite a few good policy areas with which I agree	18	11	32
While I disagree with many of the Democratic Party's ideas and policy, it has some people and a couple of policy areas with which I agree.....	45	47	41
I disagree with almost everything the Democratic Party's stands for in their ideas and policies and I do not like any of their leaders.....	33	39	20
Not sure	4	3	7

(ASKED ONLY OF DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS (F3:1-4))

Q14b When it comes to your viewpoint of the Republican Party which of these statements comes closest to your point of view. (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

	Total Democrats & Independents	Democrats	Independents
While I disagree with many of the Republican Party's ideas and policy, it has several good leaders and quite a few good policy areas with which I agree	22	21	23
While I disagree with many of the Republican Party's ideas and policy, it has some people and a couple of policy areas with which I agree.....	49	47	53
I disagree with almost everything the Republican Party's stands for in their ideas and policies and I do not like any of their leaders.....	28	31	19
Not sure	1	1	5

Now, turning to the economy...

Q15 During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	10/25- 28/13	10/7- 9/13	9/13	7/13	6/13				
Economy will get better.....	23	17	27	31	32				
Economy will get worse	34	42	24	21	18				
Economy will stay about the same....	42	38	48	47	49				
Not sure	1	3	1	1	1				
		9/26- 12/12	9/12- 10/12+	8/12+ 30/12+					
		38	45	44	42	36			
		28	9	13	18	18			
		33	34	35	32	38			
		1	12	8	8	8			
		7/12+	6/12	5/12	4/12	3/12	1/12	12/11	11/11
		27	35	33	38	40	37	30	25
		25	20	19	19	23	17	22	28
		45	41	46	42	35	44	47	45
		3	4	2	1	2	2	1	-
									10/14- 18/10+
		8/11	7/11	6/11	4/11	2/11	1/11	12/10	11/10
		22	26	29	33	29	40	32	37
		30	31	30	21	29	17	24	15
		47	41	39	46	41	42	42	46
		1	2	2	-	1	1	2	2
		9/10	8/26- 30/10	8/5- 9/10	6/10	5/6- 10/10	3/10	1/10- 14/10	10/09
		32	26	34	33	40	41	41	42
		24	26	25	23	20	22	19	22
		41	45	39	43	38	36	38	33
		3	3	2	1	2	1	2	3
									9/09
		7/09	6/09	4/09	10/08+	10/06+	10/04+	10/02+	10/98+
		44	46	38	38	22	43	41	17
		21	22	30	20	22	10	20	24
		32	29	30	37	51	33	34	54
		3	3	2	5	5	14	5	5
									10/94

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the next year..."

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Now, thinking about the recent debate over the federal budget...

Q16 As you know, President Obama and the Republicans in Congress did not reach a budget agreement, and this led to a shutdown of the federal government. Who do you think was more to blame for this shutdown – (ROTATE) President Obama, the Republicans in Congress – would you say both were equally to blame or that neither were to blame?

President Obama	23
Republicans in Congress	38
Both equal.....	36
Neither	2
Not sure	1

Q17 For each of the following individuals and groups, please tell me if their actions and positions in the recent negotiations that led to a shutdown of the federal government have made you feel (ROTATE) -- more favorable or less favorable -- toward that individual or group or has your opinion not changed one way or the other. (RANDOMIZE)

ITEMS RANKED BY % MORE FAVORABLE

	<u>More Favorable</u>	<u>Less Favorable</u>	<u>Opinion Not Changed</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Barack Obama	21	41	38	-
The Democrats in Congress.....	16	38	45	1
Tea Party Republicans in Congress.....	12	45	37	6
The Republicans in Congress	9	53	38	-

Q18 As you may know, Congress passed a bill that ended the 16-day government shutdown and provides funding for government operations until January 15th when a new bill funding the government must be passed. Do you feel that it is likely or not likely there will be another government shutdown on January 15th? If you do not have an opinion either way, please just say so. (IF LIKELY OR NOT LIKELY, ASK:) And do you feel that way strongly or not-so-strongly?

Total Likely	50
Strongly	37
Not so strongly.....	13
Total Not Likely	28
Not so strongly	13
Strongly	15
Do not have an opinion	20
Not sure	2

Q19 Were you or anyone in your family affected by the federal government shutdown, in terms of employment, services, or benefits?

	10/25- 28/13	10/7- 9/13	1/96	11/95
Yes, have been affected	27	31	18	18
No, have not been affected	73	68	81	81
Not sure	-	1	1	1

Q20 How much harm, if any, did the government shutdown have on the U.S. economy – a great deal, quite a bit, just some, very little, or none at all?

	10/25- 28/13	10/7- 9/13 ¹
Great deal	33	34
Quite a bit.....	24	31
Just some.....	22	21
Very little	12	10
None at all.....	5	2
Not sure	2	2

¹ In early October, the question read "How much harm, if any, is the government shutdown having on the U.S. economy..."

(ASKED OF FORM A ON 10/25-27 ONLY)

Q21a In a few words or a short phrase, what lessons do you hope that President Obama and the Democrats learn from the confrontation over the budget and the recent government shutdown?

SEE VERBATIM RESPONSE

(ASKED OF FORM B ON 10/25-27 ONLY)

Q21b In a few words or a short phrase, what lessons do you hope that Speaker John Boehner and the Republicans learn from the confrontation over the budget and the recent government shutdown?

SEE VERBATIM RESPONSE

Now as you may know, Barack Obama's health care plan was passed by Congress and signed into law in 2010...

Q22 From what you have heard about the new health care law, do you think it is (ROTATE) – a good idea or a bad idea? If you do not have an opinion either way, please just say so. (If Good idea/Bad idea, ask:) And, do you feel that way strongly, or not so strongly?

	10/25- 28/13	10/7- 9/13	9/13	7/13	6/13	10/14- 18/10+	6/10+ 10/10 ¹	5/6- 10/10 ¹
Total Good idea	37	38	31	34	37			
Strongly	28	31	24	26	28			
Not so strongly	9	7	7	8	9			
Total Bad idea	47	43	44	47	49			
Not so strongly	5	5	6	6	6			
Strongly	43	38	38	41	43			
Do not have an opinion ..	14	17	24	18	13			
Not sure	1	2	1	1	1			
	7/12+	6/12	4/12	12/11	1/11	18/10+	6/10+	10/10¹
Total Good idea	40	35	36	34	39	36	38	38
Strongly	31	25	27	23	29	25	28	28
Not so strongly	9	10	9	11	10	11	10	10
Total Bad idea	44	41	45	41	39	46	46	44
Not so strongly	5	6	6	8	5	5	7	6
Strongly	39	35	39	33	34	41	39	38
Do not have an opinion ..	15	22	17	24	21	16	15	17
Not sure	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1
	3/10	1/23- 25/10	1/10- 14/10	12/09	10/09	9/09	8/09	7/09
Good idea	36	31	33	32	38	39	36	36
Bad idea	48	46	46	47	42	41	42	42
Do not have an opinion ..	15	22	18	17	16	17	17	30
Not sure	1	1	3	4	4	3	5	5

¹ Prior to May 2010, the question did not ask "And, do you feel that way strongly, or not so strongly?"

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Q23 When it comes to your opinion about the health care law, do you feel that it...(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

Is working well the way it is.....	6
Needs minor modifications to improve it	38
Needs a major overhaul.....	28
Should be totally eliminated.....	24
Other (VOL)	1
Not sure	4

Q24 Has what you have seen, read, or heard over the last few weeks about the new health care law made you feel (ROTATE) -- more confident or less confident -- about the law or has your opinion of the law not changed?

More confident	9
Less confident	40
No change.....	50
Have not seen, read, or heard about law (VOL).....	-
Not sure	1

Q25 And, have you seen read or heard the news coverage about the problems people have reported experiencing when trying to use the new federal health care exchange website to apply for health insurance coverage? (IF YES:) And, have you seen, read, or heard a lot or just some about this?

Total Yes	83
Yes, a lot	59
Yes, some	24
No	16
Not sure	1

Q26 And, thinking some more about the problems people have reported experiencing with the new federal health care exchange website, which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view. (ROTATE)

These problems are short-term technical issues that happen in large projects like this and can be corrected.
 ...or...

These problems point to longer-term issues with the new health care law and its overall design that cannot be corrected.

...or, is it too soon to say one way or the other?

Short-term technical issue/can be corrected.....	37
Long-term design issue/cannot be corrected.....	31
Too soon to say	30
Both (VOL)	-
Neither (VOL).....	-
Not sure	2

Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

QF1a Are you currently registered to vote [LANDLINE: at this address; CELL: in (state from Q1x)]?

Registered.....	85
Not registered.....	15
Not sure.....	-

QF1b/c A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in last November's election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote—Barack Obama, Mitt Romney, or someone else?+

Total Yes, Voted	91
Voted for Barack Obama	44
Voted for Mitt Romney	37
Voted for someone else.....	5
Not sure	5
No, Did Not Vote.....	9
Not sure	-

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QF2 What is the last grade that you completed in school? (DO NOT READ CHOICES.)

Grade school	-
Some high school.....	4
High school graduate	24
Some college, no degree.....	19
Vocational training/school.....	2
2-year college degree.....	8
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	25
Some postgraduate work, no degree	3
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	12
Doctoral/law degree	3
Not sure/refused.....	-

QF3 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat	18
Not very strong Democrat	11
Independent/lean Democrat	14
Strictly Independent	17
Independent/lean Republican	14
Not very strong Republican	8
Strong Republican	12
Other (VOL)	4
Not sure	2

QF4 Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?

	10/25- 28/13+	10/7- 9/13+	9/13+	7/13+	6/13+	2/13+	1/13+	10/12+	9/26- 30/12+	9/12- 16/12+	8/12+
Yes	22	20	21	21	24	20	23	24	25	22	26
No	70	70	67	67	65	64	63	64	66	65	63
Depends (VOL)	3	2	3	3	3	4	4	3	2	4	3
Not sure	5	8	9	9	8	12	10	9	7	9	8
	7/12+	6/12+	5/12+	4/12+	3/12+	1/12+	12/11+	11/11+	10/11+	8/11+	
	25	24	30	25	28	27	27	25	26	27	
	65	64	60	64	63	66	65	69	64	62	
	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	4	
	7	9	8	9	7	5	5	4	7	7	
	6/11+	5/11+	4/11+	2/11+	1/11+	12/10+	11/10+	30/10+	10/28- 30/10+	10/14- 18/10+	9/10+
	26	26	25	29	27	29	30	28	30	28	
	63	62	67	61	62	61	59	61	59	61	
	3	2	3	3	3	3	4	3	2	3	
	8	10	5	7	8	7	7	8	10	8	

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QF5 Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? (IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:) Do you consider yourself to be very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

Very liberal	7
Somewhat liberal	15
Moderate	39
Somewhat conservative	20
Very conservative	16
Not sure	3